

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 10/028,913
Attorney Docket No.: Q67871

REMARKS

Claims 12-16 and 19 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant cancels the rejected claims 4-8, 11, 17, 18, and 20, while rewriting the allowable claims into their independent form, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance.

Specifically, claims 4 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and claims 5-8, 11, 18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). All of these claims have been canceled rendering these rejections moot.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 12-16 and claim 19 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant rewrites claim 12 into its independent form. Claims 13-16 and 19 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 12.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. **If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.**

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